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GOMEZ, ECHEVERRI GAINS SUBSTANTIALLY ON ROJAS DE

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1. THE FOURTH EAFIT POLL OF MEDELLIN VOTERS WAS HELD MARCH 30-APRIL 2, A FEW DAYS EARLIER THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED. A TOTAL OF 1480 PERSONS WERE POLLED, OF WHOM 63.9 PERCENT INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO VOTE, UP VIRTUALLY 10 PERCENT OVER THE FIRST POLL AND 3 PERCENT OVER THE THIRD POLL. THIS LATEST RESULT IS ANOTHER PORTENT OF A HIGH VOTER TURNOUT APRIL 21.

2. OF RESPONDENTS INTENDING TO VOTE AND EXPRESSING A CHOICE, 47.4 PERCENT FAVOR LOPEZ AND 37.6 PERCENT FAVOR GOMEZ, VIRTUALLY DUPLICATING THEIR RESPECTIVE SHOWINGS IN THE FIRST AND THIRD POLLS. ROJAS DE MORENO DIPS SHARPLY IN THE FOURTH POLL TO A NEW LOW OF 9.0 PERCENT, ALMOST A FULL POINT BELOW HER PREVIOUS LOW IN THE SECOND POLL AND 2.7 POINTS BELOW HER MARK IN THE THIRD POLL. THE ANAPO CANDIDATE'S LOSS IS HERNANDO ECHEVERRI'S GAIN, AS HE JUMPS FROM 3.4 PERCENT IN THE THIRD POLL TO 6.0 IN THE FOURTH.

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3. THE MOST INTERESTING ASPECT OF THE FINAL EAFIT POLL IS THE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE IT PROVIDES THAT ANAPO IS SLIPPING

BADLY AND IS IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY OF LOSING ALL ELECTORAL
SIGNIFICANCE IN ANTIOQUIA. ALSO, THE POLL SUGGESTS THAT
UNO'S DREAM OF CHALLENGING ANAPO FOR OPOSITION LEADERSHIP MAY
NOT BE THAT UNDREAMABLE. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT
THE GAP BETWEEN ANAPO AND UNO NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE QUITE AS
NARROW AS THE FINAL EAFIT POLL WOULD INDICATE.
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